

# You Make the Call!

**More Tribe Action Photos Inside** 





# WELCOME to Jacobs Field!

### Dear Indians Fans:

The 2003 Major League Baseball season will be the 10th at Jacobs Field. Many memorable moments have been created in that short period of time — two World Series, an All-Star Game, 29 post-season games. Last at-bat heroics . . . too many to count!

It all started with a group of talented young players who,

when given the opportunity to establish themselves at the Major League level, developed into a series of teams that put Cleveland back on the baseball map. Record-setting performances on the field and in the seats followed, thanks to the passion of Tribe fans.

We are poised to repeat that same success story. In a short period of time, General Manager Mark Shapiro and his staff have fortified the foundation of the team — our player development system — which is ranked at the top among all 30 MLB teams according to a number of national baseball publications. We have taken a large step in the process of identifying the players who will become the building blocks of our future success.

The job is not done, however, as manager Eric Wedge often states. The next step is developing the young players and providing the opportunity to perform at the Major League level. Together we look forward to the 2003 season with excitement as we begin to build and sustain a championship team in an environment of superior sports entertainment at Jacobs Field.

Your enjoyment of Indians Baseball is our main priority — whether you choose to enjoy listening on the Indians Radio Network with flagship station WTAM, watching on FOX Sports Net, accessing via our website at indians.com, reading the newspaper, or visiting Jacobs Field.

While 2003 is the 10th season at Jacobs Field, it is also the 103rd season as a Charter Member of the American League. Professional baseball in Cleveland is one of the city's oldest traditions. With that rich heritage comes a civic trust.

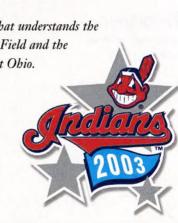
We pledge our commitment to a supportive community that understands the important connection between Indians Baseball at Jacobs Field and the significant economic impact this link creates for Northeast Ohio.

Here's hoping we see you often at Jacobs Field.

Sincerely,

Larry Dolan

President and Chief Executive Officer





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# **SAFE AT THE PLATE!**



Photo: Gregory Drezdzon

On the Cover: An exciting play at the plate. Did you guess correctly? As you can see above, the catcher did not come up with the ball, and the Indians scored.

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### 10 THE CLEVELAND INDIANS

Check out these full-page photos of the Tribe. You know the veterans. Now you can get to know the Indians young athletes.

The players pictured are based on the team roster at press time. **Not pictured:** action photos of Nick Bierbrodt and Zach Sorensen were not available at press time. Manager and player photos begin on page 10. Coaching and Training Staff photos are located on page 71.

### 32 REMEMBERING A CLEVELAND LEGEND by Chuck Murr

Mel Harder, who passed away last October, was one of the greatest pitchers to ever wear an Indians uniform. He was also one of the team's best pitching coaches – credited with developing the talents of other members of the team's pitching elite.

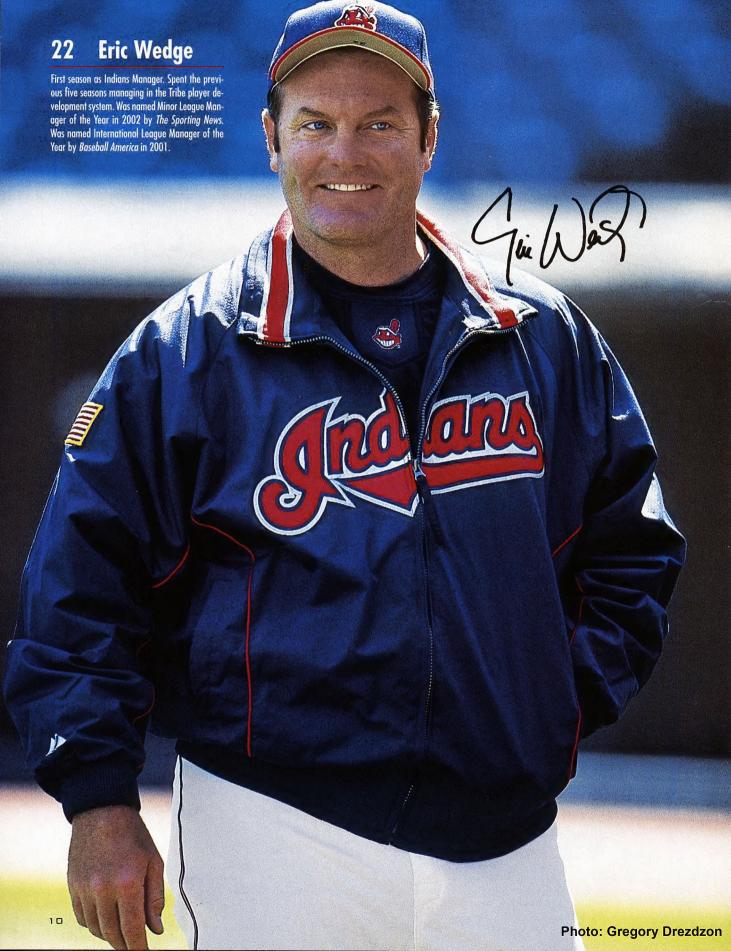
You may have noticed that each member of the Tribe is wearing a circular patch on his jersey that features the number 18 – Mel Harder's number, which the Indians have retired.

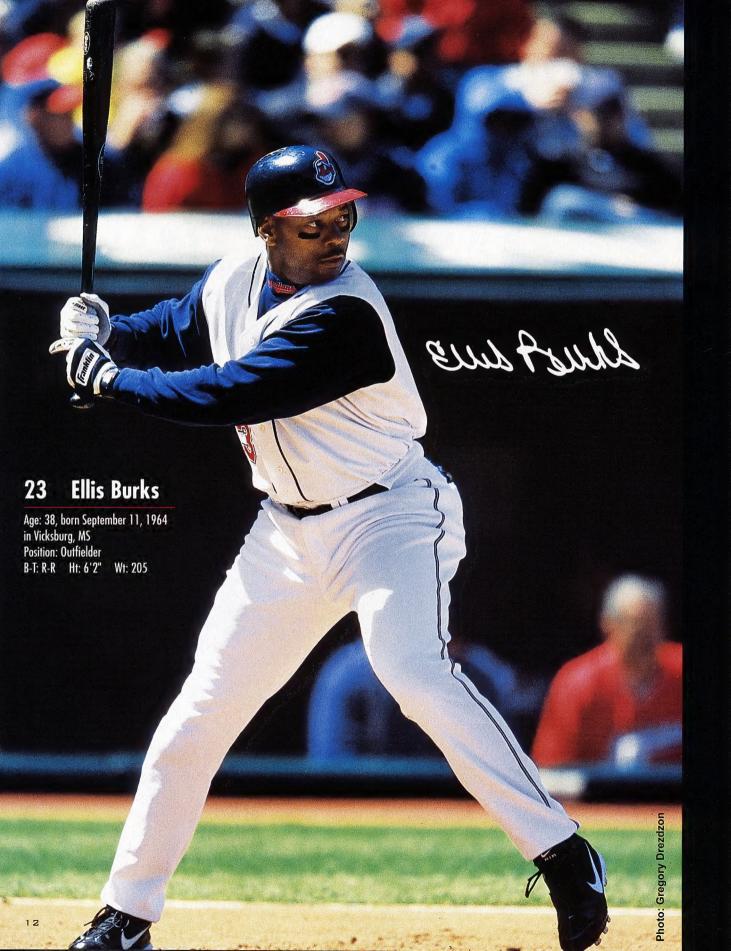
\*\*As a special tribute to celebrate the legacy of Indians Hall of Fame outfielder Larry Doby (who passed away in June), Tribe players will wear a rectangular black arm patch with #14 DOBY above Mel Harder's #18 circle patch.

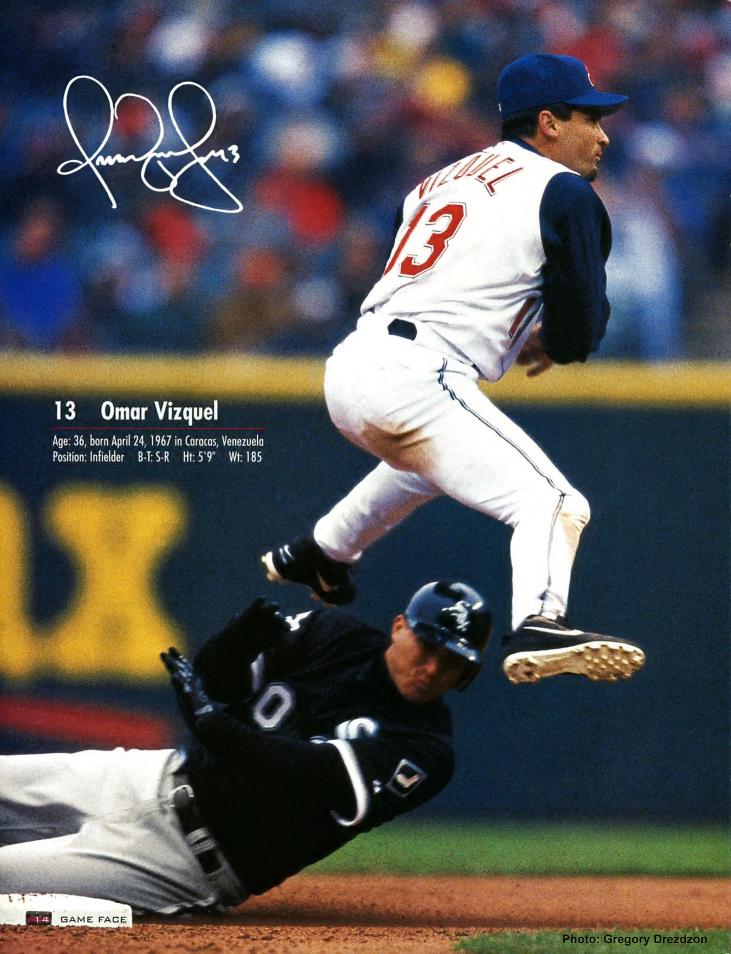
### 48 OUTSIDE THE LINES by Steve Herrick

The Indians young athletes are new faces to many fans – but they're getting more well known off the field through their community work.













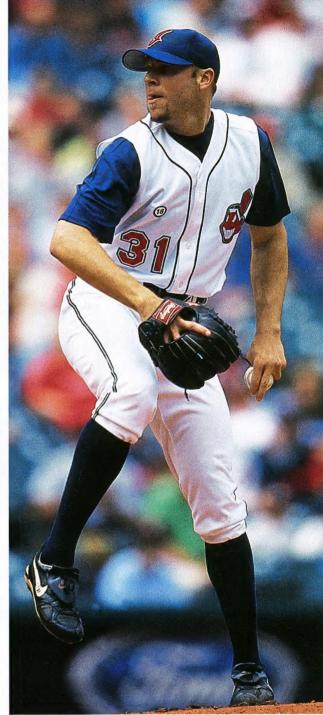


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# 55 Danys Baez

Age: 25, born September 10, 1977 in Pinar Del Rio, Cuba Position: Pitcher B-T: R-R Ht: 6'3" Wt: 225

# 31 Brian Anderson

Age: 31, born April 26, 1972 in Portsmouth, VA Position: Pitcher B-T: R-L Ht: 6'1" Wt: 185







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## 44 Josh Bard

Age: 25, born March 30, 1978 in Ithaca, NY Position: Catcher B-T: S-R Ht: 6'3" Wt: 215

# Casey Blake

Age: 29, born August 23, 1973 in Des Moines, IA Position: Infielder B-T: R-R Ht: 6'2" Wt: 210

Player photos continue on page 36.

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# The Cleveland Indians 2003 Community Spirit of Partnership

The Cleveland Indians are proud to serve the Northeast Ohio community by providing a variety of educational, recreational, and humanitarian programs for Tribe fans of all ages. Programs are designed to improve the quality of life of those less fortunate, to support youth in reaching their full potential, and to foster self-confidence. We embrace the opportunity to be a responsible corporate citizen serving the Greater Cleveland communities.

# Tribe Players Create Ticket Programs To Bring Local Youth To Jacobs Field



**Photo: Gregory Drezdzon** 

### John McDonald's Father's Day Contest

This season, second baseman John McDonald will make Father's Day extra special for fathers everywhere. The program, "Mac & Me" will allow Tribe fans under the age of 18 a chance to enter their name in a raffle and win A Day at Jacobs Field with Johnny Mac and his dad!

One hundred names will be randomly drawn to select the winners as special guests of John and his father. Winners will enjoy lunch at Jacobs Field, receive a special *Mac & Me* t-shirt, observe batting practice, and meet John, his dad, and other Tribe players prior to the game.

Outfielder Matt Lawton (above) and second baseman John McDonald (right) take part in programs that bring area fans to Jacobs Field.

### Lawton's Little Leaguers

For the second season, outfielder Matt Lawton will once again bring hundreds of local youth to attend a Tribe game this summer.

"Lawton's Little Leaguers" is open to local nonprofit organizations serving disadvantaged youth in Northeast Ohio. Each "Lawton's Little Leaguers" participant will enjoy a boxed lunch, see batting practice, receive a "Lawton's Little Leaguers" t-shirt, and meet Matt before the game.



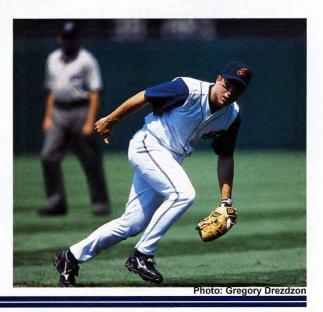






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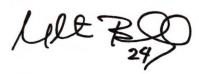
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# 57 Jason Boyd 24

Age: 30, born February 23, 1973 in St. Clair, IL Position: Pitcher B-T: R-R Ht: 6'3" Wt: 180

# 24 Milton Bradley

Age: 25, born April 15, 1978 in Harbor City, CA Position: Outfielder B-T: S-R Ht: 6'0" Wt: 190



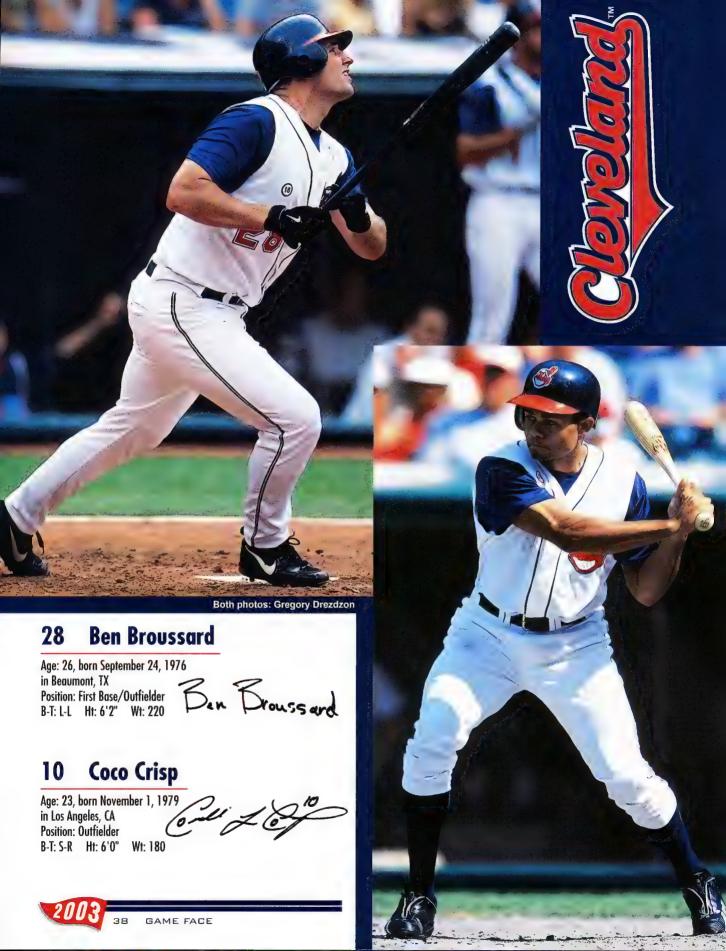




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Age: 23, born May 8, 1980 in Chattanooga, TN Position: Pitcher B-T: R-R Ht: 6'6" Wt: 190



# 9 Jody Gerut

Age: 25, born September 18, 1977 in Elmhurst, IL
Position: Outfielder
B-T: L-L Ht: 6'0" Wt: 205

Josep Gus

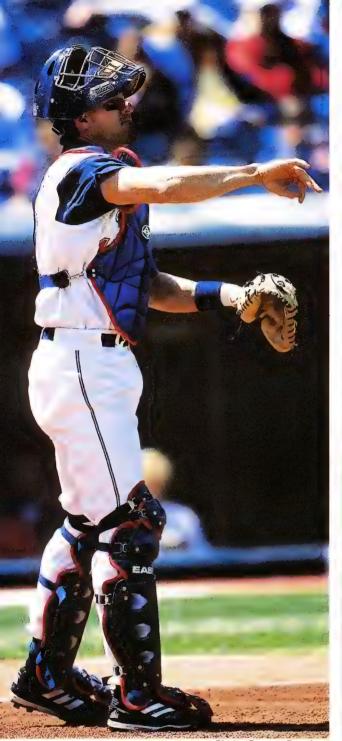


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# 15 Tim Laker

Age: 33, born November 27, 1969 in Encino, CA Position: Catcher B-T: R-R Ht: 6'3" Wt: 225



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## 12 Ricky Gutierrez

Age: 33, born May 23, 1970 in Miami, FL
Position: Infielder
B-T: R-R Ht: 6'1" Wt: 195

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# How To Get Involved with CIC ...

Indians fans help to generate money for CIC by participating in the various fund-raising activities hosted by CIC each season. In 2003, CIC will generate funds through the following programs and events:

# First Pitch Luncheon Wednesday, April 9

Tribe fans are invited to welcome the Tribe back to Cleveland at the first CIC event of 2003. Held at the Convocation Center at Cleveland State University, this is an opportunity for fans to meet the entire roster of players and coaches. They will



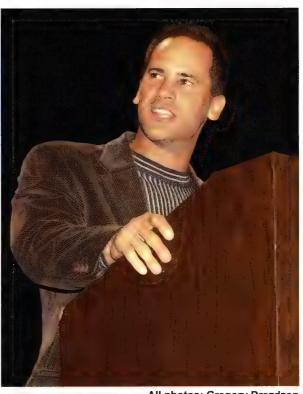
hear from new Indians Manager Eric Wedge on his outlook for the upcoming season, and also from several players. The event includes a special 45-minute post-luncheon autograph session and a commemorative gift for all fans in attendance.

### Garage Sale

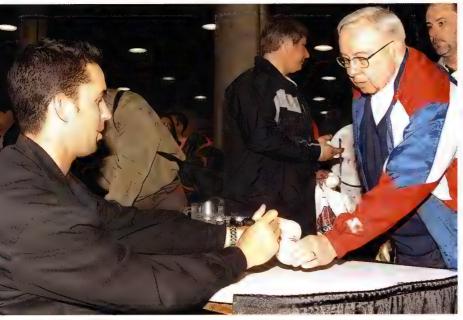
Saturday, August 23

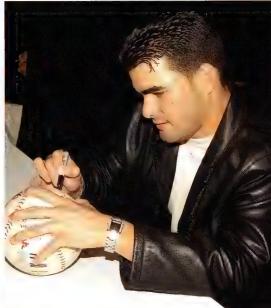
This is a baseball collector's dream sale! It's like a trip down memory lane at the Second Annual Cleveland Indians Charities Garage Sale. For sale will be items like game-worn jerseys, used player bats, signed baseballs and photos, street-pole banners, and

At the 2002 First Pitch Luncheon: (top) Omar Vizquel addressed the guests. (Below, left to right): reliever David Riske and closer Danys Baez (and all the Indians) signed autographs.



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# Bring Your Group to a Tribe Game.

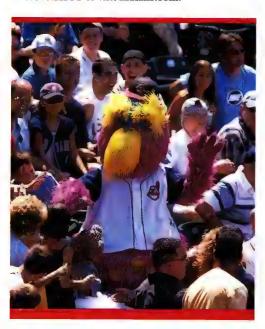
The Cleveland Indians want you and your group to be a part of the excitement being created at Jacobs Field for the 2003 season. The thrills you experience as you sit on the edge of your seat for each home run, double play, or play at the plate will be something to remember.

Taking in a Tribe game at Jacobs Field with your family, friends, co-workers, teammates, classmates, or your church group is always a

great way to spend an afternoon or evening.

We'd like to make your group program as easy as possible to plan, and we have a variety of programs that will fit your needs. We'll make sure you get the seats you want to enjoy the game.

Call us today and your personal Account Executive will go over all your options for games, seats, and ways to make your group program work for you. Call **216.420.HITS** or visit **indians.com**!



# Your Group's Incentive Awards for Their Participation:

- Significant discounts off ticket prices
- Two complimentary tickets for every group of 50 or more
- Public Address Welcome (groups of 150 or more)
- Scoreboard Greeting
- · Personalized Account Executive service
- Promotional assistance with e-mails, flyers, signup forms, and posters
- Best available seating at the time of your order



### The Ford Picnic Pavilion

At the Ford Picnic Pavilion, all you need to do is arrive at the ballpark, and we'll supply your group with a full picnic. Food, beverages, and all the trimmings will be in place. All you'll need is a ticket to the game. Call an Account Executive today to learn more about this opportunity.

Ask about ordering group tickets via the Internet.

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GARAGE SALE





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more. Plus there will be a sealed-bid auction for memorabilia you won't find anywhere else. The event will be held in the concourse of Jacobs Field. Last year's Garage Sale generated nearly \$100,000 for CIC.

### **Celebrity Golf Classic**

Monday, August 25

MEDICAL MUTUAL

This year's event will be held in partnership with the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association. Participants spend the

day golfing with Indians players, coaches, alumni, and broadcasters at Quail Hollow. The event includes great gifts, prizes, breakfast, lunch, cocktail dinner party, live auction, and more. Individual registration or teams of five golfers are available.

### Jacobs Field Tours April through September

Experience the excitement of Cleveland's crown jewel with a behind-thescenes tour of one of baseball's greatest ballparks. Tours are available May through September, Monday through Friday. Saturday tours are available when the team is on the road. Tours accommodate up to 40 people, last approximately one hour, are wheelchair accessible, and depart from the Jacobs Field Team Shop. Still and video cameras are welcome.



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Jacobs Field tours include a visit to the Press Box, Bullpen, Club

Lounge, Dugout, Batting Cages, and Party Suite. The Visitors Clubhouse is included in tours of Jacobs Field on select dates. (The tour route is subject to change.)

Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for youths 14 and under and senior citizens 60 and over. A group rate is available at 1PM each day. Tour tickets are available at any Indians Team Shop, at the Jacobs Field Main Box Office, at any Northern Ohio OfficeMax, or at indians.com. (The group rate is only available at the Jacobs Field Main Box Office.)

With support from OfficeMax, a special school tour program is also available in April, May, early June, and all of September.

(Above) Fans found many "keepers" at Cleveland Indians Charities' first Garage Sale. (Left) Former Indian and current broadcaster Rick Manning at the Celebrity Golf Classic.



# Executive Suites Perfect for Business or Pleasure



Are you tired of spending hours on the phone or e-mailing clients or business associates? Reserve an Executive Suite today for the game of your choice and enjoy Indians baseball from the comfort of *Your Personal Suite*. Show your clients that your organization is first-class by inviting them to a Jacobs Field Suite this season.

Suites can accommodate from eight to 40 guests and provide the very best in services to make your game experience one to remember.

### **Excellent amenities include:**

- Up to three complimentary VIP parking passes for the Gateway East Garage
- Gameday membership to the Club Lounge
- Private Suite with separate concourse
- Private rest rooms, refrigerator, ice maker, bar, and service station – additional items may be purchased in advance or ordered from the gameday menu
- Television and audio options that are controlled by Suite holder



Teachers will receive Team Teacher - a specially created, baseball-themed book of curriculum when they book their class for a tour. Teachers interested in bringing their class to Jacobs Field for a field trip the students will never forget should call ahead to book their date and time.

For more information on Jacobs Field tours, please call 216.420.4385.

### **Pepsi Corporate Hitting** Challenge

June through September

Batter up for the

Eighth Annual Pepsi Corporate Hitting Challenge! This unique event offers teams of nine batters and three alternates the chance to step up to the plate at Jacobs Field in a hitting tournament. Registration includes practice time in the batting cages, your name on the scoreboard, commemorative gift, prizes each round, and more. The 2002 tournament winner was FirstEnergy, with Giant Eagle coming in second place.

### **In-park Silent Auction** Runs throughout the entire season

Bidder up! Here's your chance to own a piece of the Tribe. New for 2003 will be silent auctions held at Jacobs Field during select home games. About 10 unique pieces of memorabilia will be up for auction each date, including signed items. Items will vary each date. Check out the auction table in the concourse on these dates:

Sunday, April 13 Saturday, May 31 Saturday, June 28 Sunday, July 13

Friday, May 16 Friday, June 13 Thursday, July 10 Sunday, August 17.





**Both photos: Gregory Drezdzon** 

Participants in the Pepsi Corporate Hitting Challenge experience the excitement

of a "big league" at-bat at Jacobs Field (top and bottom). Teammates offer each other encouragement before the competition (middle).



In-park silent auction dates are subject to change. Fans must be in attendance at the designated game to bid on items.

If you would like information on any Cleveland Indians Charities program, please call 216.420.4400 or send an e-mail to cic@cleindians.com

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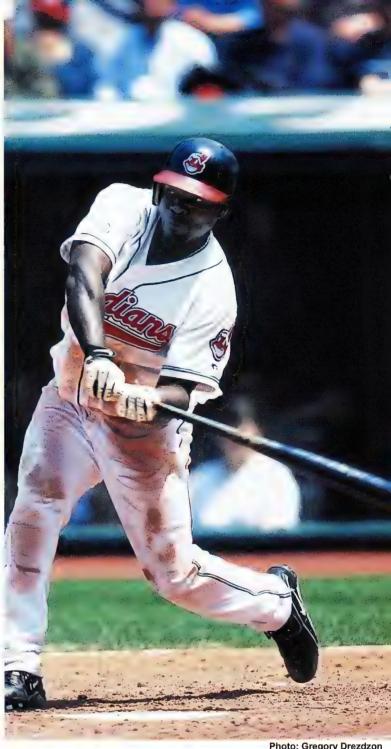


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## John McDonald

Age: 28, born September 24, 1974 in New London, CT Position: Infielder B-T: R-R Ht: 5'11" Wt: 175

### **Matt Lawton**

Age: 31, born November 3, 1971 in Gulfport, MS Position: Outfielder B-T: L-R Ht: 5'10" Wt: 190







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# 45 Terry Mulholland

Age: 40, born March 9, 1963 in Uniontown, PA Position: Pitcher B-T: R-L Ht: 6'3" Wt: 220

## 66 Jhonny Peralta

Age: 21, born May 28, 1982 in Santiago, DR Position: Infielder B-T: R-R Ht: 6'1" Wt: 180









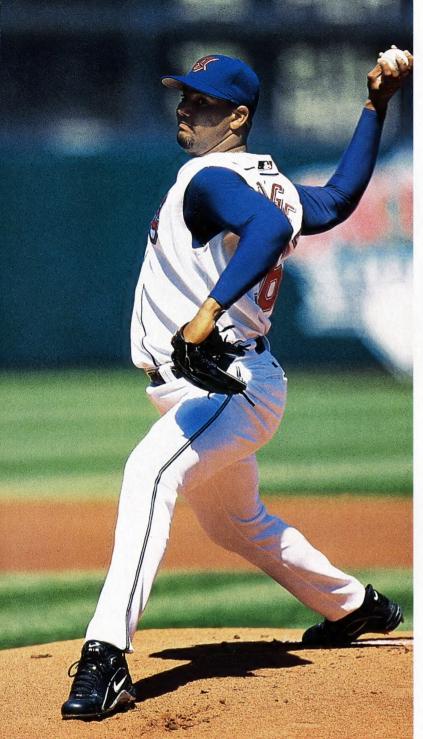
Age: 26, born October 23, 1976 in Renton, WA Position: Pitcher B-T: R-R Ht: 6'2" Wt: 180

# **Brandon Phillips**



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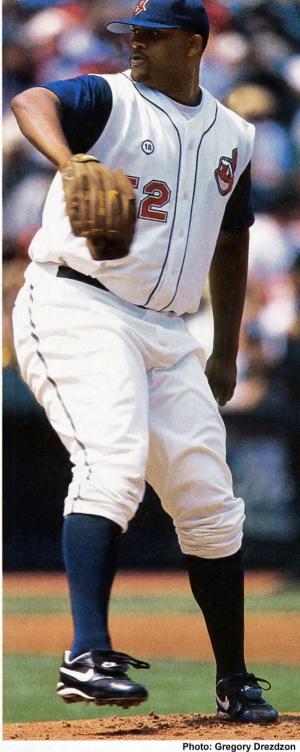


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# Ricardo Rodriguez

Age: 25, born May 21, 1978 in Manga, DR **Position: Pitcher** 

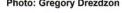
B-T: R-R Ht: 6'3" Wt: 190

### C.C. Sabathia **52**

Age: 22, born July 21, 1980 in Vallejo, CA **Position: Pitcher** B-T: L-L Ht: 6'7" Wt: 290







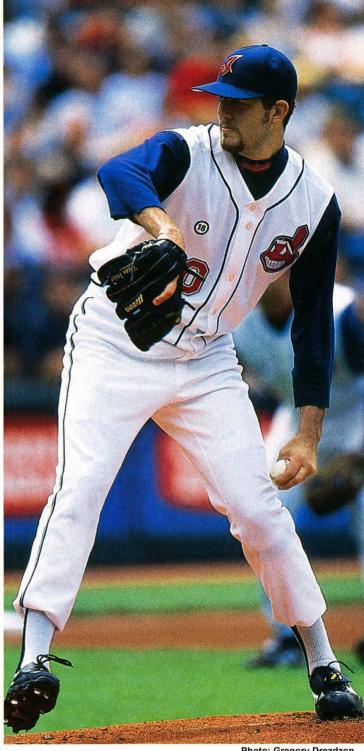


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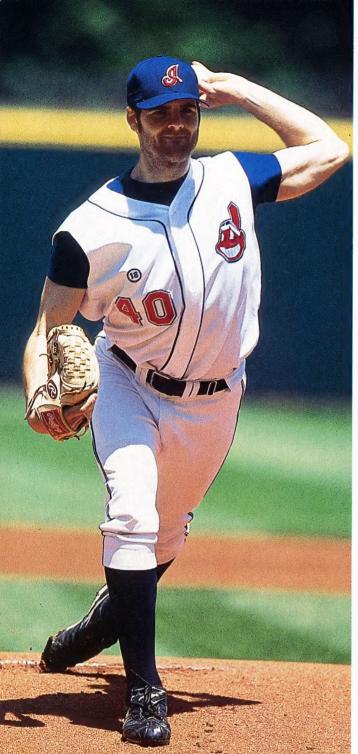
### 47 **Shane Spencer**

Age: 31, born February 20, 1972 in Key West, FL Position: Outfielder/First Base B-T: R-R Ht: 6'0" Wt: 220

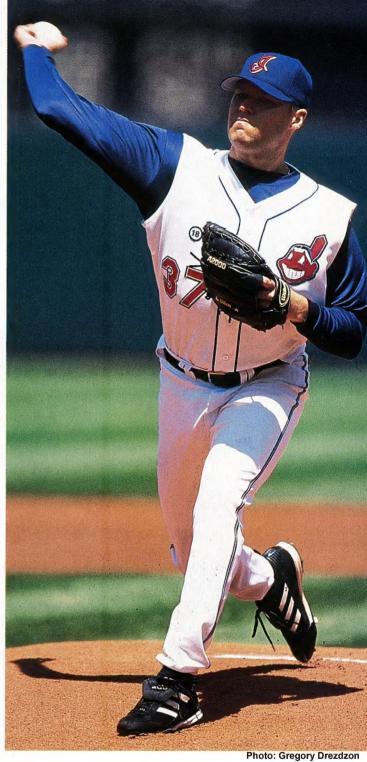
### **Brian Tallet 30**

Age: 25, born September 21, 1977 in Midwest City, OK Position: Pitcher B-T: L-L Ht: 6'7"









# 40 Billy Traber

Age: 23, born September 18, 1979 in Torrance, CA Position: Pitcher B-T: L-L Ht: 6'5" Wt: 205

# 37 Jake Westbrook

Age: 25, born September 29, 1977 in Athens, GA
Position: Pitcher
B-T: R-R Ht: 6'3" Wt: 200

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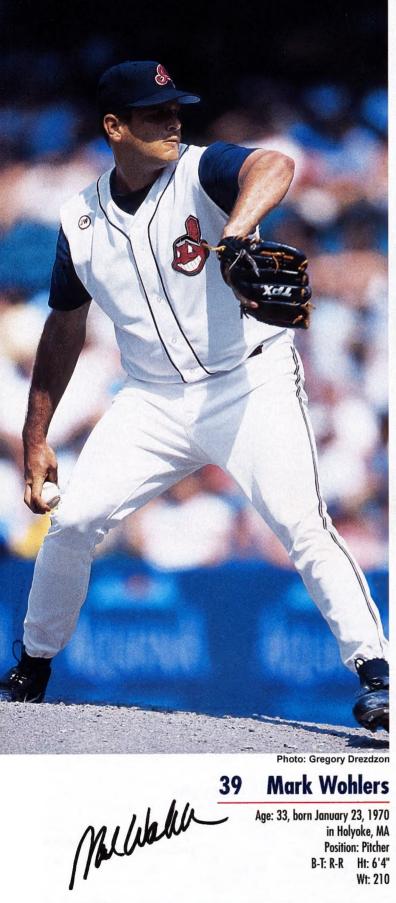


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### **Mark Wohlers**

Age: 33, born January 23, 1970 in Holyoke, MA Position: Pitcher B-T: R-R Ht: 6'4" Wt: 210



# CLEVELAND BASEBALL **FEDERATION**

The 8,045 kids of the Cleveland Baseball Federation wish to thank Cleveland Indians Charities and Tribe Pitcher Mark Wohlers\* for their support.

CBF Kids need your support in 2003 and beyond. Each time you make a taxdeductible contribution, you help kids score on the field and in life.

Please join us and help support our 2003 summer baseball programs.

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